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Sir:

Further to applicant's response and Notice of Appeal filed December 13, 1993, applicant requests entry of the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the attached page 22 for existing page 22 of the specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Twice amended) A DNA molecule encoding a substantially detoxified mutant of [at least a portion of the sequence of] the mature S1 subunit of Bordetella pertussis toxin, said mutant comprising amino acids proline 3 to phenylalanine 235 of the mature S1 subunit of Table 2 [an epitope that contributes to immunoprotection against Bordetella pertussis toxicity], wherein said DNA encodes a mutation [wherein] in which arginine 9 is replaced with another amino acid.

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